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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

#### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Original) A method of producing a retinyl ester compound comprising subjecting a composition comprising retinol or a retinyl ester and a fat or oil of animal or vegetable origins to enzyme catalysed transesterification in solvent free conditions to produce a retinyl ester.

Claim 2 (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the fat or oil of animal or vegetable origin contains one or more C<sub>12-22</sub> saturated or unsaturated fatty acids.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the enzyme is a lipase enzyme.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the enzyme is immobilised on a support.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the fat or oil of animal or vegetable origin contains a fatty acid triglyceride.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the source of the fatty acid is kombo nut oil, coriander oil, sunflower oil, safflower oil, pomegranate

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seed oil, Manketti nut oil, fish oil, borage oil, pine nut oil or Impatiens balsamina seed oil or calendula seed oil.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the enzyme is immobilised on a solid support.

Claims 8-13 (Cancelled)